

**East Camden Pastoral Charge
Moscow & Riverside United Churches**

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**October 7 – Thanksgiving &
World Communion Sunday**

† † Please stand if able

{GIVE THANKS}

for each new morning
with its light
FOR REST AND SHELTER
OF THE NIGHT
for health and food
for love and friends
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS

~ralph waldo emerson~

honeybear lane

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Musical Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Calls for Community

† † **Statement of our Faith – A New Creed VU 918**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

In the great congregation, let us bless the Holy One.

With songs of thanksgiving, we retell God's wondrous deeds.

We love the house in which God dwells

and the place where God's glory shines forth.

Proclaim God's name to all the world!

In the midst of the congregation, we praise God's holy name.

Opening Prayer:

† † **Hymn: #521, "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"**

Call of Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, you created us

to live in relationship with you,

to love and serve one another,

and to care for all your creatures.

Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,

we dismiss your commandments

and seek to go our separate ways.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Redeem, restore, and re-create us,

for the sake of Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

Time of reflection...

Assurance of Grace:

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 26

Prove me, try me, test my heart.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

God gave the world to humans, not angels.

Reflect & Connect: As followers of Jesus, what are our most urgent responsibilities with respect to humankind and creation? (Heb 1:1)

Mark 10:2–16

Question of divorce; Jesus blesses children.

Reflect & Connect: Who might we be discouraging from joining our community of faith, intentionally or unintentionally? (Mark 10:2)

(Reflect & Connect sourced from Working Preacher written by Rod Boriack)

Ministry of Music

Sermon

† † **Hymn:** #376, “Spirit of the Living God”

Communion: (Windsor Park United Church in Winnipeg, Edson Trail Pastoral Charge and Valleyview United Church in Alberta will also be using this Communion Liturgy)

As the seed which was scattered to all corners of the field comes together to make bread on our table,

So God’s people gather from all corners of the world to share the great Banquet of thankfulness and hope.

At God’s table there are no divisions. At God’s table all are welcome to share in the bounty of abundant life.

Here at God’s table we join with all who seek to follow The Way. Here we taste the grace eternal. Here we know that God is Good.

Spirit of the Living God be with you all

And also with you.

In this harvest season we pause to give thanks to God.

It is a good thing to give thanks for all God has given us.

God of growth, God of harvest, God of gifts, here we pause to give thanks for the abundance of our lives.

For the fruit of the earth, for the food on our tables, for the love of our brothers and sisters in faith around the world.

One: For the promise of hope in a world given to despair, for the possibility of peace in a world torn apart by violence,

For these, and many other, things we offer our thanks and praise.

We remember the stories of our forefathers and mothers in the faith,

People like Sarah and Abraham, Miriam and Moses, Peter and Mary.

Prophets and leaders and all who have proclaimed your hope over the centuries.

We lift up the countless saints who have gone before us to teach about the possibilities of being your people.

And so, we lift our voices in song, singing together the praises of ages...

(MV #203, tune: Kingsfold)

O holy, holy, holy God,

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

bear witness to your Grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes

and bears Your name always

In the middle of our thankfulness we give special thanks for a man from Nazareth, Jesus, the one we call Christ.

Child of Mary...

Let us lift up in silent prayer those today whom we pray feel your presence in their lives, God of mercy and healing.

Here, now, as we gather at the table to which Jesus calls us, we remember another table long ago and far away.

At that table Jesus gathered with friends to tell again...

And in our remembering we sing the mystery of faith:

(MV #204 tune: Kingsfold)

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Transforming God...

May the presence of the Spirit make this meal an occasion of transformation for we who gather to eat it together. Amen.

God of the Banquet that is and is to come, on this day we gather with people all around the world to share this meal.

Creator, our Source of Love; Christ, Love Incarnate; Spirit, Love's flowing power be praised, now and forever.

And the people all sang:

(MV #205 tune: Kingsfold)

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and amen!**

And now, as beloved children of a loving Parent, we pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.

The Cup we Share is the Cup of Love.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Come and eat, the banquet awaits.

Prayer after Communion

**We have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your goodness.
May this meal we have shared here today fill our souls with Love.
May the meal we share with all the world fill the world with Hope.
May we leave this table refreshed and replenished, ready to be
recipients and agents of Grace. Amen.**

Minute for Mission: “Thank You to Our Ministers”

Invitation to Give:

‡ ‡ **Hymn of Dedication:** #541 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Holy Giver of all that we need,
you have filled our hearts with joy
and our hands with overflowing abundance.

**With thanks and joy, we bring these gifts,
offering ourselves in communion with you
and with all creation. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Concluding the prayer with singing #960, “The Lord’s Prayer”)

WE ARE SENT OUT IN FAITH TO SERVE

‡ ‡ **Hymn:** # #458 “Christ, Let Us Come with You”

Sending Forth:

‡ ‡ **Choral Response:** #964, “Go Now in Peace”
***Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen***

(Today’s prayers sourced or adapted from Ministry Matters and Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year B))

Household Prayer: Evening

When I felt like a dejected child,
rejected and lost,

your comfort surrounded me,
and I felt as if I was home.

Thank you for your embracing heart,
for making me feel special and loved,
for helping me up, and for saying that you are my brother,
my Saviour, my friend.

Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

(From Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion Year B)

Readings for Sunday Oct 14:

Psalm 22:1–15 (VU pp. 744–745 Part One)

Hebrews 4:12–16

Reflect & Connect: When and where are you often stirred to confess your weaknesses to God and ask for forgiveness? (Heb 4:12)

Mark 10:17–31

Reflect & Connect: Which among Jesus' teachings do you find especially challenging to hear and eagerly follow? (Mark 10:17)

(Sourced from Working Preacher, written by Rod Boriack)

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